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TOPIC Stendal Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following observations were made at Stendal airfield between early September and 26 September 1955:

Almost during the entire period there was favorable weather and individual and formation flights were repeatedly made by Il-10s. On one day, a Li-2 twice approached the airfield and 6 to 8 parachutists jumped each time. The parachutes opened at different altitudes. A round chute opened first and, after a short descent, a four-cornered chute opened.

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2. On 27 September, 25 Il-10s took off in rapid succession, and then assembled in a formation of 4, and 7 flights of 3.

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3. The following air activity was observed between 23 September and 4 October 1955:  
23 September. At about 1230, 24 Il-10s took off in elements of two at intervals of 8 to 10 minutes. The aircraft assembled in 6 formations of 4, and then headed toward Rathenow. They did not return until 1330; the end of observation.  
28 September. At about 1630, there was no air activity, nor any aircraft parked at the field, or in the open hangars. The rudder assemblies of 5 Il-10s were only observed in the revetments along the Stendal-Borstel road. Truck moved to the airfield.

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30 September. At about 1700, about 90 Il-10s simultaneously crossed over the town from south to north. The aircraft flew in 3 formations, each formation consisting of 3 V-formations of 10 planes, one formation behind the other.

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4 October. At about 1600, 5 Il-10s were parked in the revetments along the road to Borstel. No additional aircraft were seen. There was no air activity. Bus with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets moved to the field.

4. On 28 September, the AA gun emplacement in the northeastern corner of Neues Lager was vacant. Four 37-mm AA guns were observed there on 4 October.<sup>2</sup>

5. The following observations were made at the airfield between 12 September and 9 October 1955:

12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 through 25 September. No air activity was observed.

14, 16, 20 and 26 September. Sometimes there was light or intensive air activity by Il-10s.

21 September. No aircraft were seen in the usual dispersal areas in the northeastern corner of the field. The hangars were closed. It appeared that the aircraft had left the field.

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22 September. A total of 18 Il-10s returned to the field during the morning.  
 23 September. About 10 Il-10s arrived.  
 24 September. There was no air activity.  
 25 September. About 32 Il-10s were parked in the northeastern corner of the field.  
 26 September through 7 and 9 October. No air activity was observed.  
 8 October. Two Po-2s circled over the town.<sup>1</sup>

6. On 21 September, the gate of Neues Lager was closed and no sentries or motor vehicles were observed in the camp.

1. ☐ Comment. The GA Regt Stendal, like the other regiments of GA Div Brandenburg, participated in the fall maneuvers and, for this reason, was temporarily absent from Stendal. The statements on air activity, which differ on various days, are due to the fact that the sources made their observations at various times on these days.

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2. ☐ Comment. The AA gun gun emplacement is usually occupied by 6 x 37 mm AA guns.

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3. ☐ Comment. Neues Lager has been unoccupied since the transfer to Granitzburg of the AA unit in May 1955.

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